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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit	2143	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2001.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 6-25 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 6-25 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/02/01.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The application has been reviewed; claims 6-25 are presented for examination. The objection and rejection cited are as stated below.
2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: the reference number in the drawing do not correspond with the reference numbers mentioned in the description. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 6-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and Angwin (US 6,246,688).

5. Applicant admitted that a first network such as MOST, and network units, such as CD, DVD, etc, were prior art (see specification, page. 1, paragraph 1-2). The AAPA does not include a proxy for communication with another units, and a first network units, which functioned as a gateway to second network, e.g., Internet, or the like, and Application Program Interface (API) for communication with the proxy in the other network units. However, Since, the instant disclosure does not explicitly define the term “proxy”, “structural of the proxy” or “process of the proxy”, therefore, term “proxy” could be read into any type of interface, which enable a network unit to communicate with an interfaces of another network units. Since the MOST is known and since the units in the Most readily communicated to each other, i.e., network together, the proxy, therefore, apparently, is an inherent feature in the MOST.

Thus, the only issue that was left off from AAPA is a device that functions as a gateway to an external network, e.g., telephone.

However, in the same field of endeavor, Angwin teaches a system that using cellular phone as a gateway for an automotive network (title of the patent). Angwin is motivated by cost and complexity of installing radio transmission, the needed of controlling hi-technology equipments, which are widely utilized in vehicles, an emergency situations with may required to access the vehicle from outside, and last but not least, a readiness of telephone device, at the time (Col. 1, lines 25-65). Angwin teaches an inventive concept of using a telephone as a gateway for the devices in a network of a vehicle. Angwin further suggests, at the time of his invention was made, the phone that built in network and application stacks gad readily existed in the art (Col. 1,

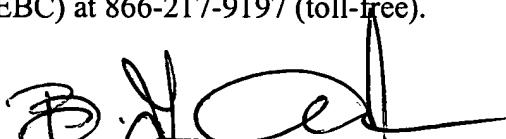
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lines 53-65). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to take advantage of an inventive concept suggested by Angwin, by combining the existing technology, i.e., a phone with IP and API stacks, with another existing network technology, such as the MOST, because it would enhance a capability of the devices in the existing network by enabling them to access external network, such as, Internet, with a minimum cost and complexity.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit whose telephone number is (571) 272-3913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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